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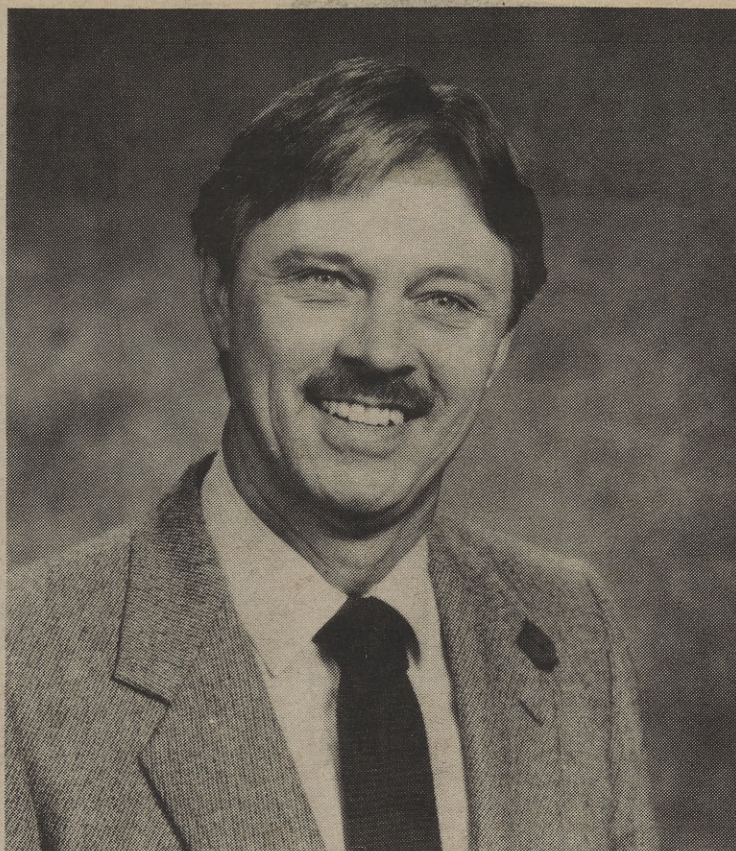


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Some things have not changed and will not. **The Patlar** will continue to make a powerful political statement: that being gay is good. We want **The Patlar** to convey the message that a homosexual orientation is just as good and as acceptable as a heterosexual orientation. And we will continue to report on news of interest to gay women and men throughout the country in a positive, objective, and honest fashion.

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Sincerely,
Larry Lanham
Publisher

IMPORTANT LAWSUIT EXPANDED

A U.S. District Judge recently ruled in San Francisco that there was sufficient interest by gays nationwide to certify as a class-action suit a lawsuit originally filed by three Bay Area men. The suit challenges a U.S. Defense Department policy of investigating gays who apply for security clearances.

The ruling means that thousands of gays will be affected by the outcome of the suit, and it allows the plaintiffs to challenge the defense department manual dealing with gays who seek industrial security clearances.

Attorney Richard Gayer estimates that clearance applications from as many as 1600 homosexuals nationwide have been delayed or rejected in the last ten years by the Defense Industrial Security Clearance Office.

That office processes applications of industrial employees seeking secret or top-secret clearances for military-related work. It uses a manual, last revised in 1984, that requires a full investigation of every applicant who is known to practice "deviant sexual activities," including homosexual acts. The manual suggests that gays may be susceptible to blackmail.

The three original plaintiffs are Timothy Dooling, Robert Weston, and Joel Crawford. They are seeking a court order barring the Defense Department from treating homosexuality as a separate classification requiring automatic investigation.

GAY BAN MAY BE LIFTED

In Washington, D.C., Sen. Alan Cranston (D-Calif.) has again introduced legislation to lift the immigration ban on homosexuals.

"Adoption of this legislation will end a form of discrimination which has no scientific or medical basis and which violates traditional American respect for the privacy and dignity of an individual," Cranston told his colleagues.

Current immigration law prohibits "aliens afflicted with psychopathic personality, sexual deviations or mental defect" from entering the United States.

Over five years ago, the American Psychiatric Association declared that homosexuality was not a mental disorder.

Recently, immigration officials on the West Coast have begun detaining only those aliens who proclaim their homosexuality. Pointing out that "other officers may admit closet homosexuals whom they fail to suspect," Cranston said his bill would end unequal enforcement.

23 STATES STILL BAR GAY ACTS

Twenty-three states still prohibit homosexual acts between or among consenting adults. They are: Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nevada, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Utah, and Virginia.

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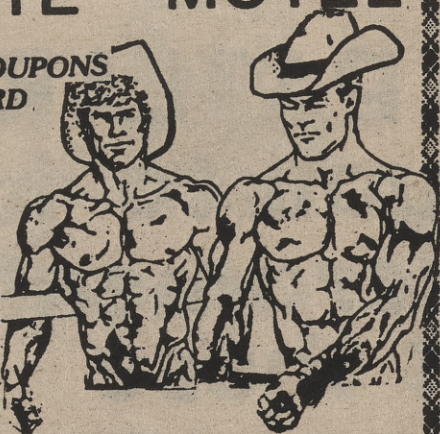
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CHURCH OPPOSES GAYS

Meeting recently in Indianapolis, Presbyterians voted down an attempt at the church's 197th General Assembly to amend their constitution to prohibit employment discrimination against homosexuals. However, the church did adopt an amendment which adds marital status to anti-discrimination categories which now include race, sex, age, and ethnic background.

As an example of the anti-gay feelings expressed, the Rev. James D. Berkley of Sacramento opposed the sexual-orientation language. "The strong guidance of the General Assembly tells us that homosexual practice is not God's wish for people," he said. "It's not permitted or condoned in scripture." Berkley went on to say that the church shouldn't wink at homosexuality or illicit heterosexual love, adding that "we should call for repentance."

NATIONAL DIRECTORY AVAILABLE

A directory providing information about more than 20 national gay/lesbian organizations is now available from the Gay Rights National Lobby (GRNL).

The directory gives contact information as well as summaries of each organization's current projects. It was developed as an adjunct to the GRNL sponsored Gay/Lesbian Leadership Forum.

To obtain a copy of the directory or to ensure that your organization is included in the next edition, contact Michael Weeks, GRNL, PO Box 1892, Washington, D.C. 20013.

GAY REPORTER GUILTY IN STOCK SCHEME

A former *Wall Street Journal* reporter, R. Foster Winans, was recently found guilty by a federal judge of illegally using his position at the paper in a get-rich-quick scheme.

U.S. District Judge Charles E. Stewart Jr., who presided over the non-jury trial, also convicted Winans' lover, David Carpenter, and a former stockbroker, Kenneth P. Felis. The convictions, which will be appealed, carry prison sentences up to five years.

The defendants were charged with conspiracy, securities fraud, and wire-and-mail fraud in an unusual insider-trading case. The key issue was whether the admittedly unethical journalist broke the insider-trading law by violating his employer's code of conduct.

From 1982 until 1984, Winans, 36, was one of two writers of the *Journal's* "Heard on the Street" column, a popular daily feature that offers stock tips to investors. Many analysts believe a favorable report in the column can send an issue's price sharply higher, while a negative story can cause an equally sharp plunge in value. The contention was that Winans tried to take advantage of those price swings by buying stocks that he knew would soon receive positive reviews.

The prosecution's case was based on laws prohibiting insider trading. In a classic insider trading case, someone with access to sensitive information about a company takes advantage of his position by buying or selling stocks before the sensitive information is released to the public, then taking advantage of price changes when the news is released. In such cases, the trading public is generally considered to be the victim of a fraud.

CHURCH OKS GAYS

The congregation of Riverside Church in New York City recently approved a policy statement officially affirming that homosexuals are accepted as full members of the church, and said, "We recognize and embrace single persons, lesbian (and) gay relationships, extended families, and all families of support that are founded on principles of love and justice."

A debate within the church recently cropped up when the Rev. Channing Phillips, a member of the council, or collegium, of Riverside ministers, preached a sermon in which he argued that homosexuality deviates from biblical teachings. Two of the church's other ministers, the Rev. William Sloane Coffin and the Rev. Eugene Laubach, later preached sermons in which they affirmed their acceptance of homosexual Christians.

GAY INDIANS TO PUBLISH ANTHOLOGY

A group known as Gay American Indians (GAI) is now accepting contributions for a book-length anthology documenting the past and present life of gay American Indian men and women. The GAI anthology, the first of its kind, will include essays, oral histories, stories, poetry, and artwork. It will be designed to raise the awareness of both Indian and non-Indian people about the place of gay American Indians in cultural history.

Funding for the publication is being provided by a \$7500 grant from the Chicago Resource Center to GAI's history project. This project is currently collecting and distributing information on historical and contemporary gay American Indians.

Contributions can be submitted to the GAI History Project, 1347 Divisadero St. No. 312, San Francisco, CA 94115.

MODERN MUSIC

by Michael J. Maier
Warner Bros.:

SILVERTONE/CHRIS ISAAK, Warner Bros. Records... "If I talk about these songs, someone may read it and then they'd know. I'm not sure I want that. Some of them are personal. Some of them have nothing to do with me. Either way, I'm just trying to get you to believe." This is what Chris Isaak says about the meaning behind his Warner debut album "Silverstone."

The ten songs of "Silverstone" may not tell you everything you want to know about this remarkable new artist, but they will tell you everything about his fresh musical style. This entire package is a tight weave of lyrics, melody, and vocal stylings; simple, clean, with a flair of originality as well as performances which are evocative. It is an interesting fusion of modern and country rock played the way Chris feels rock should be presented. Each track is cast in the legendary sounds of Elvis and Jerry Lee, which first caught his attention at the age of twenty (presently he is 26) while attending college in Tokyo. Even though these two forms are most prevalent, there are other obvious musical interests which help round out and influence the over-all musical scope: U2, Marty Robbins, The Cure, Bo Diddly, Roy Orbison, and Western Swing.

It has not been since the Romeo Void album of last year that I am able to say that here is an album which contains not a mistake or a flaw. This indeed is a production of

BWMT PLAN CONVENTION

The fifth annual convention of the National Association of Black and White Men Together (NABWMT) will bring together gay, black, and other minority leaders at the Airport Quality Inn in Los Angeles July 15-20.

Lifelong civil-rights activist Bayard Rustin will be honored at a dinner Saturday, July 20. Rustin, who is currently President of the Board of Directors of the A. Phillip Randolph Institute in New York, was chosen by Randolph to direct the historic 1963 March on Washington. When some black religious leaders protested to Martin Luther King, Jr. that Rustin's "past associations" made him unsuitable for so public a role, Rustin agreed to organize the march as deputy director to spare the civil-rights movement embarrassment.

Nonetheless, Randolph and other civil-rights leaders publicly defended Rustin when, two weeks before the march, Stromm Thurmond vilified him from the Senate floor.

Other speakers will be the Rev. Troy Perry, founder of the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches, West Hollywood City Councilman Steve Schulte, lesbian activist and comedian Ivy Bottini, and Laura Esquivel, President of the Board of Directors of the Gay and Lesbian Community Services Center.

Founded in 1980, BWMT is one of America's fastest growing gay organizations. It is both a social fellowship practicing deliberate integration and an anti-racist forum. The theme of this year's convention is "Brotherhood—The Issues, The Challenges: A Focus on Racism."

For more information, contact BWMT Convention '85, 7985 Santa Monica Blvd., Suite 109-136, Los Angeles, CA 90046.

perfect proportions; vocally and musically. Chris offers a smooth but spell-like vocal presentation which is unequalled by few pop/rock artists of today. With the help of guitarist James Calvin Wilsey and producer Erick Jacobsen, the three combine to put out a flawless LP.

Side one is unveiled with a low-key, techno-dance cut, "Dancin'," which twists together Chris' country roots and the slight vocal likeness of Bryan Ferry, founder of Roxy Music, giving the album's first single release a melodic ear-capturing event. This is also the best description for the entire LP: "a melodic ear-capturing event."

"Talk To Me," track number two, is a mesmerizing techno-rock gem which reflects a fresh mid-80s feel. "Livin' For Your Lover" brings across a light but snappy 1950s country rocker reflecting the country swing influence of Isaak.

One of the most outstanding tracks from this production is "Back On Your Side," an easy and delightful listening cut spiced with a slice of Jerry Lee. This track should have a good success.

"Voodoo" describes well this fifth cut weaving a spookish rock-cult-like classic which will leave the song's meaning well behind even into side one's final track, "Funeral In The Rain."

Side two continues to mesh together more of the same with "The Lonely Ones" and "Pretty Girls Don't Cry" being not only the best of side two but also having strong radio possibilities, as well as lending to the over-all strength of this superb work of modern sophisticated rock.

Soundings

by Adam Du Monde

To Be Free

Two quotes come to mind as we celebrate our nation's independence this month.

One is from the late and brilliant, but working class, San Franciscan, Eric Hoffer who observed:

"The basic test of freedom is perhaps less in what we are free to do than in what we are free not to do."

The late Bertrand Russell, patrician scholar and philosopher, provides this expansion on the Hoffer theme:

"The freedom we should seek is not the right to oppress others, but the right to live as we choose and think as we choose where our doing so does not prevent others from doing likewise."

Longshoreman Hoffer and Lord Russell share a common theme as each recognizes that total freedom for the individual does not exist unless such a person lives totally alone on an island, untouched by others. Even Robinson Caruso had to make concessions to his man Friday. At the total end of the freedom yardstick are those totalitarian societies in which the people live under oppression, including that in which they are brainwashed to mirror the thoughts of their masters and carry out their wishes.

The United States in the late 20th Century falls somewhere between the two extremes: total freedom does not exist for anyone, nor does oppression touch everyone equally.

We do have governmental as well as societal oppression. No homosexual person, for example, is as free as a straight person. No gay or lesbian person has yet to enjoy the full benefits of freedom as do many of our straight brothers and sisters. By their sheer numbers, they are in control. Whatever rights we gain, we gain through pain and suffering; through protest appropriately aimed and carried out; through our humanity and strength of purpose.

All of us know societal oppression. An example: During late spring, a male friend and I strolled down a public beach in one of the most beautiful communities in this country. Straight lovers could kiss, embrace, and walk hand in hand or clutched side to side without anyone paying anything other than passing, soon-to-be forgotten attention. Had we done the same, we would have been subjected to catcalls at the very least, and during this era of fagbashing, possibly bod-

ily harm or worse. There is no law or regulation which forbids two men or two women from strolling the beach, or other public places for that matter, in the same manner as two straight lovers would. But, society more often than not denies lesbians and gays the right to express, safely, in what would otherwise be acceptable public behavior for straights, love and affection for one another. Such freedom exists only where gay and lesbian people have the numbers and tenacity to overwhelm the straight majority. Even so, most of them hold us either in hatred, scorn, misunderstanding, and what is sometimes worse, patronizing "acceptance."

We all know the elusive struggle to gain the still-denied freedom other citizens enjoy in the employment marketplace; this is, to be hired for our talents and abilities, promoted on the basis of our accomplishments, and when terminated, done so for the same reasons others would lose their jobs.

In California, when Democrats held the legislature and the governorship, no gay-rights job bill was passed. They were afraid of voter reaction if such a law would have been placed on the books. One wonders if some of the lawmakers who voted for the gay-rights legislation in California last year did so because they know that it would probably be vetoed by the Governor. It was. On one hand, lawmakers could tell gay and lesbian people about support for their cause. Some could also sigh with relief that they did not have to be accountable for ultimate enactment of a law that could come to haunt them by the hate mongers in our society.

The gay and lesbian people whom I know want the freedom that straights enjoy, not necessarily to ape every aspect of straight society. What we do, so long as it causes no harm nor restricts others from enjoying their own freedom, is not only our business, it is our right.

Yes, let freedom ring for all in this nation. For as American journalist William Allen White observed correctly: "Liberty is the one thing you can't have unless you give it to others." For as long as gays, lesbians, Blacks, Asians, the poor, and so many others are denied freedom, those who oppress will remain bound also by their own chains of hate and ignorance. In a way, the sad joke is on them.

Letter To The Editor

PATLAR GAZETTE.

How are you, i'm sorry, but i don't know write english very good. This because i had to write spanish, please find somebody knows spanish-english, this more easy for me, and i can tell you me problem. Thanks very much.

Tengo 20 años de edad, soy técnica en sistemas, and i'm gay. Mi problema es el siguiente; mi mayor deseo ha sido vivir en los USA pero para mí es totalmente difícil, por eso recurro a ti si es posible darme alguna orientación.

En 1983 logré ir a pasar una temporada a tu patria, la embajada americana en Colombia me permitió estar por tres meses legales; yo traté de hacer cambio de visa de turista a visa de estudiante pero fué negada. Mientras que todo se diligenciaba esperé aproximadamente un año más, hasta que llegó una carta de inmigración donde decía que tenía que abandonar el país.

Así lo hice, pero ahora que estoy aquí en Colombia fuí a aplicar para nuevo permiso para viajar a la USA, ha sido negado.

Aquí es donde se complica mi situación, vivo con mi Madre; es algo mayor de edad y quisiera ayudarla pero me es imposible. No consigo trabajo solo por el hecho que soy gay, por eso es que recurro a ti. Casi no tengo amigos porque sus padres no les permiten entablar amistad conmigo. Me siento en desesperación, porque quiero continuar la escuela y ser alguien en la vida, no un simple estorbo.

Me atreví a escribirte debido a que encontré tu nombre en AMBUSH MAGAZINE. Espero que me comuniques si puedes orientarme; te lo agradecería infinitamente. Mi dirección es Carrera 8 No. 11-93 Zarzal (valle), Colombia S.A.

I hope see you one day.

María Mercedes Osorio

HOROSCOPES FOR THE HORNY!

by Dr. Pat Larr

CANCER (Jun 21-Jul 22): You're tempted to revive a family feud. Don't. This one's no game show and you're no master of ceremonies.

LEO (Jul 23-Aug 22): Be careful of rivals on the job. Someone nearby would just love to get their hands on your sensitive post.

VIRGO (Aug 23-Sep 22): Your animal magnetism really sends out powerful signals mid-month. Just be aware that whatever comes flying your way may be stuck to you for the rest of your life.

LIBRA (Sep 23-Oct 22): Summer loves bloom for you this month. So how does your garden grow? With wilted pansies or vibrant bachelor buttons?

SCORPIO (Oct 23-Nov 22): Time for a summer get-together? Could lead to bigger things if you have enough weenies and buns!

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23-Dec 21): You find yourself in the lap of luxury mid-month when a well-endowed stranger invites you to sit in the front seat of his car.

CAPRICORN (Dec 22-Jan 19): A mysterious stranger walks into your life by the end of the month. Let's just say that he gets to see more than just your tan line.

AQUARIUS (Jan 20-Feb 18): Don't lay an egg with that cock of the walk you've had your eye on. Naturally, he's into chicken. Go for it!

PISCES (Feb 19-Mar 20): Fishing for a mate again? Someone with a big rod reels you in by month's end. You rise to the bait, of course.

ARIES (Mar 21-Apr 19): Avoid the color red this month. It can only lead to trouble for you, and that's the last thing you need.

TAURUS (Apr 20-May 20): A co-worker gives you all the right strokes on the job. Suddenly you learn the meaning of a job well done. Go for it!

GEMINI (May 21-Jun 20): Torn between two lovers again? Go for the one who plays hardball. You'll feel a lot better for it.

William Tell Reviews:

"Delivery Boys" and

"Tough Competition"

In yet another William Higgins' epic, I found myself mildly engrossed in a story about pizza-delivery boys who deliver more than just pizza. As always, the actors are handsome, young, and horny.

Probably the most interesting segment of "Boys" comes toward the end when three of its stars make it together in the back room of the pizza parlor. If you like hunky young men, good photography, and plenty of vanilla sex, this flick is for you.

"Tough Competition" takes a different course than most all-male pornos in as much as its plot centers around well-hung Peter Evans, a winner of a gold medal for swimming. Peter is an adventurous young man who gets it on with most of his teammates as well as a TV interviewer.

"Tough" takes us out of doors where two of our guys carry on with each other in, on top of, and about a Mercedes sedan. Overhead shots through an open sunroof and later (when it's raining) through the windshield make for a rather well-photographed porno.

The finale of "Tough" has four of the cast members engaging in a lively orgy with beautiful bodies bouncing all over a motel room.

In Sacramento, "Delivery Boys" and "Tough Competition" are available for rent on cassette at **Films for Days**.



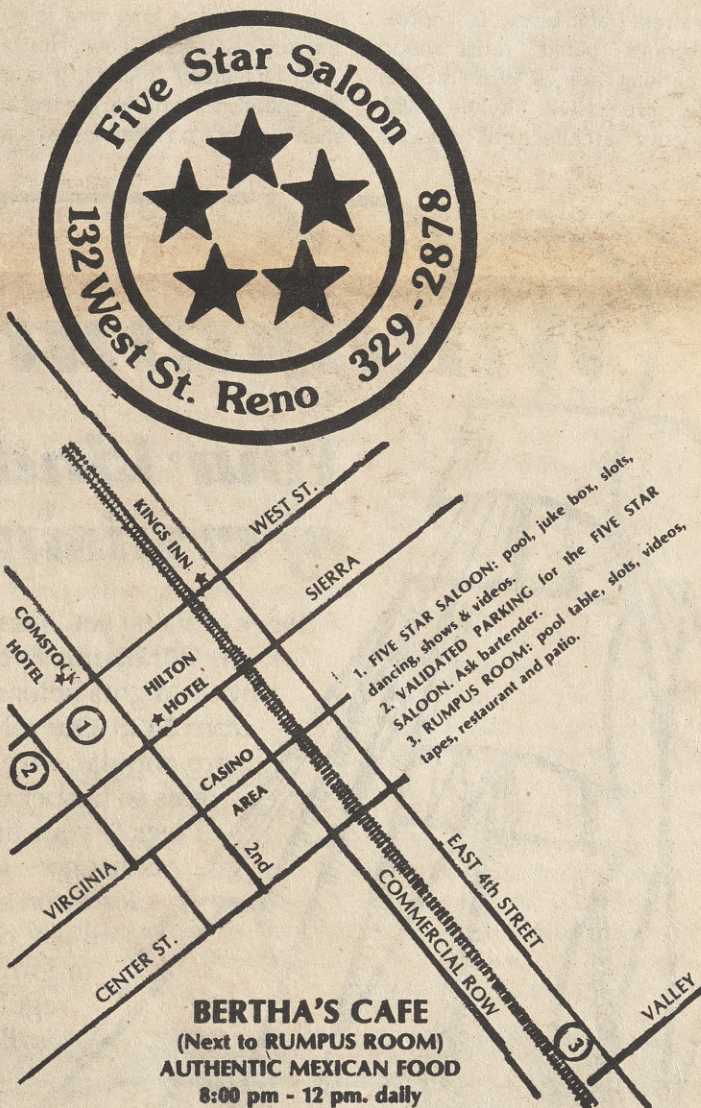
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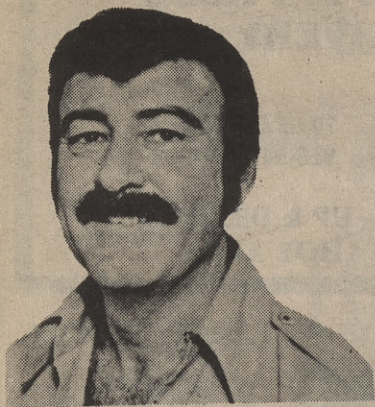
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Much more than just the Mississippi River separates the twin cities of Minneapolis and St. Paul; and the difference is ideological. Minneapolis is a liberal, farsighted, cosmopolitan city humming with business, people, and pleasure. St. Paul, the capital of Minnesota, is more staid and conservative. I don't quite understand the correlation between the twin cities that aren't; but the fact is, women prefer St. Paul, while boys get it on in Minneapolis.

Weather in the twin cities can be miserable during winter, but very pleasant the rest of the year. For this reason, Minneapolis has an elaborate skyway system linking more than 25 downtown blocks with inter-connected, elevated walkways—air conditioned in the summer and mercifully heated in the winter. These pedestrian bridges, one story above the bustling street traffic below, link hotels, restaurants, banks, retail shops, and parking garages. While the ever more impressive skyline, with innovative architectural develop-

ments, soars skyward, the main thoroughfare, Hennepin Avenue, remains unchanged. It is as busy, garish, and exciting as 42nd Street or Hollywood Boulevard.

Most of the gay bars are on or just off Hennepin between 4th and 9th Streets, which makes Minneapolis one of the few cities in America where you don't need a car to get around in. The Gay Nineties—Happy Hour at 408 Hennepin is a super complex with cruise bar and disco dancing downstairs, a quiet bar, entertainment lounge, Hide House leather shop, and pseudo bike bar upstairs. The latter two are difficult to find, so ask one of the employees for directions. The Brass Rail is in the same block at 422 Hennepin. For 17 years, it has been presided over by the charming and indefatigable Marguerite, and features piano entertainment and a mature clientele.

Y'all Come Back, known as "The Saloon," at 830 Hennepin is a very popular disco attracting some hunky young studs. Genial Jimmy Tiggas has just opened a new disco-cruise bar across the street at 9th and Hennepin that should do well. Easttrax at 111 No. 6th St. has video, disco, and a diversified younger crowd. The Jocky Club and Nineteen Bar are friendly neighborhood establishments. The only bath in the twin cities is the 315 Club at 315 1st Ave. North, but I am told the Vapors Steam Baths in nearby Anoka can be fun days. For books, magazines, and things, go to the Adult Book Store at 416 Hennepin or A Brothers Touch at 1931 Nicollet.

In St. Paul, a long-time favorite bar and disco is the Town House at 1415 University Avenue. It is predominately for women, but features men's nights on Wednesdays and

Sundays. New and novel is the Castle Royal, a popular lesbian bar at 215 So. Wabasha. The unique feature here is that it is in several caverns built into the side of a hill.

Don't forget to go out a little earlier in the twin cities, because all Minnesota bars close at 1:00 AM.

For mixed/gay dining, try the City Center Cafe, Gem Cafe, Laverne's Diner, Professor Munchie's or good burgers at the Saloon Kitchen. If you want to live it up, my favorite restaurants in Minneapolis are Camelot, Jax Cafe, Marquis, Murray's, Nankin Cafe, and the Rosewood Room or Wine Cellar at the Northstar Hotel. The Orion Room on the 50th floor of the IDS Tower offers a magnificent view, but indifferent food and service. In St. Paul, try the Blue Horse, Gannon's, Lexington, or the Venetian Inn. For a real gourmet treat, take the time to drive to the four-star Matterhorn Room at the Lowell Inn in nearby Stillwater.

I stay at the Northstar, a very good Omni Hotel which has two advantages. You can easily walk to all the downtown bars in Minneapolis, or if you're driving, you can park in the garage below and zip up to your room without going through the lobby. The Marquette and Hyatt are equally convenient and expensive. For more moderate rates, try the Guest House or Best Western Motels.

First-time visitors may want to visit old Fort Snelling, St. Anthony's Falls, Minnehaha Falls (immortalized in Longfellow's poem 'Hiawatha'), University of Minnesota, Zoological Gardens, Institute of Arts, Walker Art Center, or cruise Nicollet Mall and Loring Park. The Hubert H. Humphrey Metrodome is home to the Vikings and Twins—major league football and baseball

teams. The Minneapolis symphony orchestra is right decent too, if not quite so lustrous as the days when it was conducted by our brother, Dmitri Metropoulos.

St. Paul was originally named "Pig's Eye" after a wild French-Canadian trader whose last name was Parrant. Now it is much more sedate and stately. "Minneapolis," as it is sometimes known locally, is a far cry from the Big Apple, but is by far the best thing going between Washington State and Wisconsin.

(For more detailed information, pick up a copy of the BOB DAMERON ADDRESS BOOK '86—America's foremost travel guide—available at most better bars, baths, and bookstores throughout America. Or send \$14 for your copy (which includes packing and shipping) to BOB DAMERON ENTERPRISES, INC., PO Box 14-077, San Francisco, CA 94114. Also available is the SPARTACUS, International Gay Guide at \$22.

FAUX PAS

by Ed. E. Kett

Dear Edwards,

My lover is devastatingly handsome, and it seems I'm always getting some creep who sidles up to me to ask me where my lover works. Naturally, I want to nip these encounters in the bud; but how can I reply? I can't very well say I don't know where my very own lover works, can I?

Awaiting your reply,
Kevin

Dear Kevin,

As I've stated before and probably will again, if you're looking for rude put-downs or the rules of oneupmanship, you're barking up the wrong tree. There's no place for that in polite society. The best reply to a question one doesn't want to answer is to feign stupidity or non-comprehension.

Then again you could always say, "But my lover has no need to work." "Independently wealthy, huh?" they may then ask. "No." "Unemployed then?" "No." "What then?" "Sugar Daddy," you reply.

Dear Mr. Kett,

What's this big thing gays have about kissing? My current boyfriend insists that we kiss as a way of greeting each other (and saying farewell) whether we're in public or private. Frankly, I don't always feel the urge to kiss, especially in public.

What do you feel is the proper display of affection for a romantically involved couple?

Yours,
Manuwell

Dear Manuwell,

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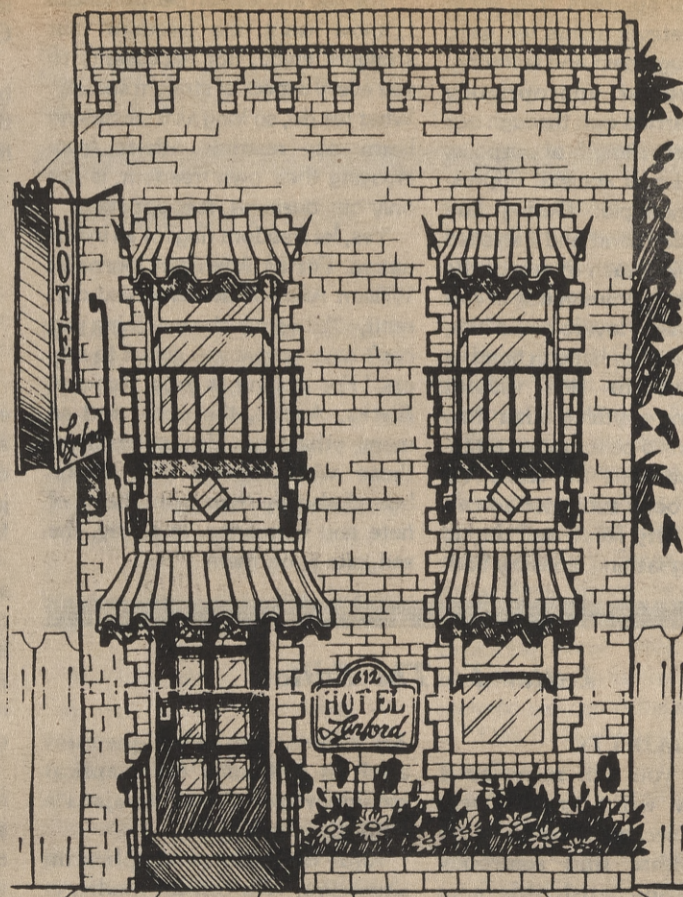
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ST. LOUIS

The Women's Self Help Center plans to form an incest survivor's group for lesbian and bisexual women. The group, which will start when a sufficient number of individuals have signed up, will run for ten weeks.

Once started, the group will meet every Wednesday night for the ten weeks. Fees will be based on a sliding scale according to income level.

For further information, contact the Women's Self Help Center at (314) 531-9100.

CHICAGO

The 60 Plus Club in Chicago was established to meet the needs of the gay male senior citizens in the United States. The non-profit organization provides a way for older men to meet other older men without dealing with apathy and rejection by younger members of the gay male community.

The Club is open to any man who will be 60 by the end of 1985 and is interested in a friend in this age group. The members meet through coded ads (free) in the club's monthly listing. Anyone interested can write: The 60 Plus Club, Box 103, 606 W. Barry St., Chicago, IL 60657 (include a self-addressed, stamped envelope).

Open Road Riders of Chicagoland (ORRC) is a co-sexual motorcycling association for gays and lesbians who enjoy motorcycles and the open road. The group promotes safe motorcycle riding. Although safe clothing is required for protection, it is not a leather/levis club.

To become a member, a person must be at least 18 years old and be a licensed and insured owner of a 350cc or larger street-legal motorcycle. For more information, contact ORROC, PO Box 14033, Chicago, IL 60614.

BALTIMORE

A gay-rights bill which would have forbidden discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation in employment, public accommodations, education, and health and welfare services was recently defeated by the Baltimore City Council by a vote of 11-7. This was the second time the Council considered legislation to protect gay people. In 1980, the Council rejected a similar measure by 12-6 vote.

ATLANTA

A three-judge panel of the 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Atlanta has ruled that homosexuals have a constitutional right to privacy and has ordered the State of Georgia to show that it has a "compelling interest" in regulating what two people do in their bedroom.

An Atlanta gay man, Michael Hardwick, was arrested in his own bedroom for engaging in sodomy. He challenged the statute before a lower court. He was joined in that challenge by a married heterosexual couple who claimed that the law "interfered" with decisions regarding their private lives. The lower court dismissed the couple's challenge, and the Circuit Court agreed, saying the couple "never claimed membership in a group especially likely to be prosecuted" under the sodomy law.

But two of the three judges concluded that the Georgia sodomy statute infringes upon the fundamental constitutional rights of Hardwick and sent the case back to the lower court for a hearing.

Attorneys with the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund were pleased with the ruling. But they believe that the Georgia Attorney General may use AIDS to prove that the state has "compelling interest" in restricting some forms of sexual activity between consenting adults.

MERCED

The third meeting of the Merced Support Group is scheduled for July 17. The participants will continue laying the groundwork for the organization, which will serve gay people and their friends. Organizers believe the group will provide support to members of the gay community in the Merced area.

For more information, call (209) 732-8861; after 5 PM leave a message with the answering service.

HOLLYWOOD

The Gay and Lesbian Community Services Center was recently awarded a grant from the County of Los Angeles to fund the Temenos Youth Outreach Program. The Program will reduce the sense of alienation and isolation among gay and lesbian youth, ages 13-23.

Rap groups will be organized throughout the county so lesbian and gay youth can meet and discuss their concerns in a safe, chemical-free, supportive environment. The group will also network with other organizations.

Approximately 33% of the adult gay and lesbian population of Los Angeles County abuses drugs and alcohol. This is more than three times the estimated 8-10% for the general population. Studies indicate that the great sense of isolation, alienation, and low self-esteem resulting from being gay or lesbian in a homophobic society are major contributing factors to this high statistic.

Gay and lesbian volunteers, 18 and older, who want to facilitate groups will receive four weeks (21 hours) of training from the Center. The deadline to apply for this training course is July 19, 1985.

Volunteers, as well as gay and lesbian youth interested in participating in rap groups, should contact the Gay and Lesbian Community Services Center, (213) 464-7400, x246.

NEW LONDON

Bridgette Poi, 50, is running for Commander of the American Legion's John Coleman Prince Post 9 in New London. The stocky, platinum-haired Poi, who served eight years in the US Air Force, is currently Senior Vice Commander of the post.

Two things, however, may stand in Poi's way: her sex and her sex change.

Bridgette Poi was Robert until a 1973 sex-change operation. As "Bobby," Poi entered the Air Force at age 18 during the Korean War in 1953. She was honorably discharged as a staff sergeant in 1961. Poi says she was happy in the Air Force and loved serving her country.

Poi's announcement that she will run for Commander has shaken the post and thrust the self-confident Senior Vice Commander into the national spotlight.

Members of Post 9 are divided over the issue. Since Poi's campaign surfaced, several new members have joined the post. One man who quit when Poi joined Post 9 renewed his membership to oppose her.

The American Legion's national headquarters in Indianapolis, has not taken a stand on the issue and says it does not intend to unless there is a violation of bylaws. The headquarters says that Poi has the right, as a legionnaire, to seek any office she chooses.

Poi says her decision to run was simple and based on her belief that she can do a good job.

INDIANAPOLIS

The Bag Ladies want volunteers to provide support for in-hospital and at-home AIDS patients in the Indianapolis area. Persons who are interested should contact the Gay Switchboard, (317) 543-6220, for more information.

FT. WAYNE

The National Association of Lesbian and Gay Alcoholism Professionals (NALGAP) will hold its first national conference on September 28-29, 1985, in Chicago at the Holiday Inn Mart Plaza.

NALGAP is an association of alcohol and drug therapists, program directors, doctors, nurses, and other health-care professionals who work with lesbians and gay men in treatment. The organization also publishes a quarterly newsletter and offers training programs and seminars on the nature of homosexuality and how it may affect treatment.

General sessions at the conference will discuss topics such as gay spirituality, establishing relationships, reaching out, and alcohol and drug problems in a gay/lesbian context. Workshops will deal with sexuality and homosexuality, the children of alcoholics, assessment and treatment of addictions, and the business aspects of treatment and private practice.

For more information, write NALGAP, 1208 E. State Boulevard, Fort Wayne, IN 46805.

NEW YORK CITY

A New York Appellate court ruled recently that Mayor Ed Koch has a "constitutional obligation" to ban anti-gay discrimination. The ruling overturned a lower-court ruling on challenges by the Salvation Army, the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of New York, and Agudath Israel of America.

The three groups had challenged Koch's 1983 executive order which prohibited groups doing business with the City of New York from discrimination based on "sexual orientation or affectional preference," as well as on the basis of gender, religion, or marital status.

The archdiocese indicated that it would appeal the decision in the New York State's highest court.

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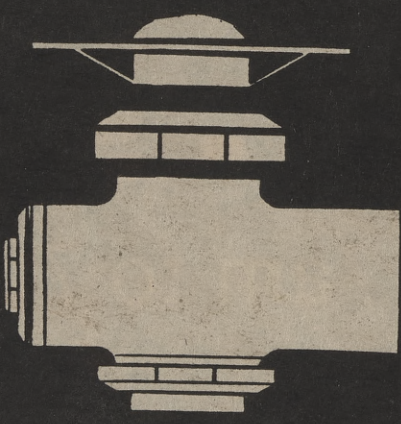
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LONG BEACH

A Lesbian Mother's Group has been formed in Long Beach. The support group meets on the first Friday of every month, 7:30-9:30 PM at the Gay and Lesbian Community Service Center of Long Beach. A social event for the members and their children is held alternate months.

The organization serves lesbian mothers and lesbians wishing to become mothers through adoption or artificial insemination. Women not currently interested in becoming mothers but wanting contact with children are also welcome.

Persons needing more information should call Sandee at (213) 434-3089.

WILLIAMSPORT

A support group for gays and sexual minorities has formed in Williamsport, Pennsylvania. The group has bi-monthly rap sessions primarily for people who are just coming out. At this time, the group has no name or address. A telephone tree is used to get information to the participants in the group. Call (717) 323-8555 and leave a name and phone number and someone will return the call.

COLUMBUS

Columbus' Stonewall Union is seeking applicants to fill the Executive Director position.

The Executive Director is responsible for community, media, and legislative relations; fiscal affairs, policy development, volunteer coordination, membership development, and fundraising.

Applicants must hold a bachelor's degree and have two years of experience in non-profit organizations, or an equivalent combination of education and experience. One year of experience in gay-rights affairs is also required.

The Executive Director is considered a full-time position. To obtain information on salary, benefits, and other aspects of the position, contact the Search Committee, 1980 Belcher Dr., Apt. B-18, Columbus, OH 43224 or call (614) 267-0891.

LIMA

Lima Lambda, a gay and lesbian organization in Lima, Ohio, provides public education about the gay lifestyle, provides information about non-discriminatory services, provides information about gay health matters, and protects legal and political rights for lesbians and gays. A monthly meeting is held on the first Sunday at 7:30 PM. Lima Lambda can be contacted at (419) 228-7436.

CLEVELAND

The Cleveland Lesbian/Gay Archives provides a place for collecting and preserving the history of the gay and lesbian community. Besides storing copies of Ohio gay magazines and newspapers, the Archives documents the history of some organizations and stores memorabilia from gay Ohioans and bars.

Archivist Max McLarty is especially eager to receive the following items: 1. issues of *High Gear*, 1974-76; 2. Gay Activist Alliance material, especially minutes, reports, and copies of *The Lavender Pages*, the group's newsletter; 3. *Familiar Faces*, *Hidden Lives* by Howard Brown; 4. *Voyager* by John Unterecker; 5. all issues of *Action*, *Now Cleveland*, *What She Wants*, and *Z-Trash*.

If you have any of these and wish to donate them to the Archives, please call McLarty at (216)-791-0942.

BETHESDA

The Maryland Coalition of Lesbian and Gay Concerns is seeking individuals and organizations to participate in a state-wide survey. The effort will attempt to obtain a variety of information about the lesbian and gay population in Maryland. All information gathered will be used to plan future Coalition projects.

Lesbian and gay organizations around the state should contact MCLGC for guidelines. MCLGC will provide sample surveys along with implementation plans so organizations can sample their regional populations and memberships.

To participate in the project, write to MCLGC, PO Box 30931, Bethesda, MD 20814 or call (301) 279-9577.

SAN FRANCISCO

The traditional Bastille Day, July 14, will be the date for this year's Gay Run organized by the San Francisco Front Runners. The event will be dedicated to the memory of Gary May, the first president of San Francisco Front Runners, who recently succumbed to AIDS.

Different Spokes gay and lesbian biking club will lead approximately 1000 people from the Golden Gate Park polo fields at 10:00 AM. The race will consist of two distances, one 10K (6.2 mile) course and a 5K (3.1 mile) course. In addition, this year a 5K race walking division will be included. Male and female divisions for those 19 and under, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, and 60 and over have been established also. Runners are encouraged to solicit sponsors to raise money and donate it to the AIDS fund.

For more information about Gay Run '85, send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to Mark Indihar, Race Director, 1040 Dolores #302, San Francisco, CA 94110 or phone Mark at (415) 282-6085.

Researchers at the University of California are seeking women to participate in the nation's first study of the spread of AIDS among women.

Scientists plan to interview and test 500 women, particularly those who may be at high risk of contracting AIDS through sexual contact with an AIDS patient, bisexual men, or intravenous drug users.

The project coordinator, Dr. Judith Cohen who is an epidemiologist associated with the San Francisco General Hospital AIDS Clinic, indicated that any woman who is concerned about AIDS can obtain counseling there.

PHILADELPHIA

A Pennsylvania appeals court recently ruled that homosexuality can be used as a determining factor in deciding the custody of children in divorce cases.

The state Superior Court denied the request of a woman, who testified that she is a lesbian, for the expanded, shared custody of her children. She wanted her two children to visit her for two weeks each year in Boston where she lives with another woman.

The children now live with their father and stepmother.

The mother argued that her sexual preference should not be a factor. However, the Court held that it is a relevant consideration in any custody determination.

LOS ANGELES

Southern California's first gay-oriented talk show was launched last month. The radio host is Leigh Spear, who is the son of Jackie Gleason's orchestra leader, Sammy Spear.

The program is heard on KFOX-FM; the station's area ranges along the California coast from Redondo Beach to Malibu and inland to West Hollywood. Spear said entertainment would be the focus of his show.

A new line of high-quality, full-color lesbian greeting cards and notecards has been put on the market. After only five months of local release, Fineline Cards of LA is placing their cards into national and Canadian distribution.

The cards, featuring photographic images of lesbians, are meant to reach a broad range of interests. Fineline tries not to discriminate against any lesbian lifestyle.

Both individual and dealer inquiries may be made by writing to Fineline Cards at 2315 E. Olympic Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90021.

MODESTO

The 6th Annual Women's Music and Comedy Festival will be held in Yosemite this year. There will be concerts featuring Ferron, Cris Williams, Alix Dobkin, Tret Fure, Barbara Higeby, Teresa Trull, Robin Byler, and others.

The event will be held over the Labor Day weekend and costs \$85-\$100 (sliding scale) which covers camping, meals, and child care. Limited cabin space is available for \$105 (no hook-ups). If interested, contact Stanislaus Gay Alliance, PO Box 5163, Modesto, CA 95352.

MT. PLEASANT

The Michigan Womyn's Festival will celebrate its tenth anniversary August 8, 9, 10, and 11. The Festival will be held on 651 acres of woodlands, and more than 24 concerts are planned for the 4-day event.

The Craft Bazaar at the Festival will feature over 200 craftswomen who produce jewelry, pottery, weavings, sculpture, woodworking, books, albums, and clothing. The Festival will include workshops on subjects such as psychic survival skills, mime, land arts, lesbian sexuality, crystals, color & ritual, and spirituality & theatre.

For information, contact W.W.T.M.C., 1501 Lyons St., Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858.

OKLAHOMA CITY

The Oklahoma legislature is planning to replace the statute voided recently by the U.S. Supreme Court that prevented teachers from promoting homosexuality.

The high court affirmed an Appeals Court ruling that held the previous law was so broad that it violated the teachers' right to free speech. The legislature has now voted to suspend its rules to permit consideration of a version of the bill during the current session that would ban only the promotion of homosexuality during school hours or at school-sponsored events. The new bill is expected to pass both houses of the legislature.

The lawmakers are also considering a fair-housing bill that was amended on the house floor specifically to exclude protection for gays and lesbians. Another provision was added to bar homosexuals from seeking redress through the state human-rights commission.

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ALBUQUERQUE

A theater group called "The Lavender Hill Gang" for gay men and lesbian women has been formed. The organization needs actors, actresses, singers, dancers, choreographers, scenic designers, lighting technicians, prop people, costume designers, people who can sew, carpenters, a business manager, cashiers for the box office, and musicians for a pit orchestra.

The first show will be "Good News" with music by Ray Henderson and lyrics by B.G. DeSylva & Lew Brown.

For more information, call (505) 247-2774.

FRESNO

The twelfth coronation of the Imperial Dove Court de Fresno was a well-produced spectacle with top-flight entertainment by local and out-of-town talent. The newly elected monarchs are Emperor Bryan and Empress Deli-Kaye. The new court's first function is the annual 4th of July party.

Fresno's AIDS-Team, housed at the Gay Community Center, has continued to provide vital educational services for the general public as well as for gay men. Besides regular informational programs at the Fresno Center and Kaweah Delta Hospital in Visalia, the group recently co-sponsored a Health Provider's Seminar with St. Agnes Hospital. The seminar received high marks from the participants and also received high-visibility TV coverage. The Team distributes safe-sex literature (including trick cards, T-room stickers, and cocktail napkins) which is distributed statewide by the Health Department. The Team, and its executive director, Kay Vanderford, can be reached at (209) 264-AIDS.

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SAN JOSE

Holy Trinity Community Church, a new ecumenical Christian Church, is now being formed. It will have a specialized ministry to the gay and lesbian community.

Immediate plans call for Holy Trinity to be started in San Jose, San Mateo, and Oakland. The actual locations will be determined by interest in each area. Sister churches will be located in various cities throughout the United States including two in the Los Angeles area. Each church will be independently operated with no national headquarters or dues.

Holy Trinity holds the same doctrines as all other Christian churches. One of its unique aspects is that the governmental structure is totally developed by each local congregation rather than by bylaws developed by those outside the local church. Since there are no national assessments to pay, the church is better able to help support local gay/lesbian causes.

Holy Trinity is ecumenical; and people from all faiths, backgrounds, color, and creeds are welcomed. People can worship as they feel most comfortable using whatever language they use for the names of God.

Future plans include 24-hour hotlines, close work with local gay and lesbian community centers, AIDS help/support groups, working with other churches, counseling services, referral services, publications, tracts, and monthly newsletters.

Organizers emphasize that Holy Trinity is not an outgrowth of any church now established. It does not seek to replace any existing church or organization. It is another voice and choice for gays and lesbians in the Bay Area to express worship, work, service, and love for all humanity. The church seeks to help fill the void some have felt in their local congregations. Initially the groups will be small, but rapid growth is expected. It is realized that no single church can be all to all people; therefore, each church will develop its own style for ministry.

VERY HANDSOME, masculine GWM 23, 5' 10" 155 lbs wants relationship with white, latin, or oriental under 30. I'm employed, but willing to relocate to be with you. Interests include charity, business, nature, martial arts, running and tennis. I desire an attractive lover. I like top and bottom sex. If you're attractive and caring, make contact now! Send photo to receive mine. L. Carr c/o General Delivery, Oakley, CA 94561.

PROF w/m 34, 5'8", 140, GDLKG, Masc. Healthy seeks same. Bob, Box 1351, Santa Barbara, CA 93102.

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HEALTHY GWM biologist, 34 5'8". New to Sac. Coming out (slowly), not into bar scene. Non-smoker or drug user. I enjoy a diversity of activities from hiking & camping in the Sierra to attending performances of the SF Opera! I especially like classical music, good food, chardonnay, and travel. Want to establish friendship and develop relationship with a sincere and caring 25-40, straight appearing/acting who shares similar attributes. Cauc. or hispanic preferred. Let's met over coffee and see if we were destined to be together. Call Jim at (916) 447-4733.

WASHINGTON, D.C.

Several individuals from the Baltimore-Washington area met recently to discuss the formation of a group which would provide support to federally employed lesbians and gay men in the region.

The group has been temporarily named Federal Lesbians and Gays (FLAG) and would be patterned after similar organizations in New York and San Francisco. Since there are several hundred thousand federal workers in the Baltimore-Washington corridor, estimates indicate that the number of lesbians and gay men in this force is sizeable.

At the preliminary meeting, general agreement was reached that not only should the group offer support and information in cases of suspected discrimination within the federal government, but also it should be a focal point for social activities.

For further information about FLAG, call (202) 332-6483.

Georgetown University will now recognize a gay-student group. This action ends years of controversy and make the Catholic school eligible for low-interest revenue bonds granted by the District of Columbia city government.

Gay students at the Jesuit university have sought recognition since 1979. Recognition was withheld on religious grounds with University officials claiming that homosexuality was not compatible with Catholic doctrine.

Gay students sued the university in an attempt to reverse the policy. However, the suit was unsuccessful; the judge ruled that the Constitution allowed that form of discrimination as a valid religious expression. The students appealed the ruling. The appeal is likely to be withdrawn because of the recent out-of-court settlement.

Georgetown's action came the same day the District of Columbia City Council approved the bond package. But the ordinance required Mayor Marion Barry to withhold the bonds unless the University recognized the gay campus group.

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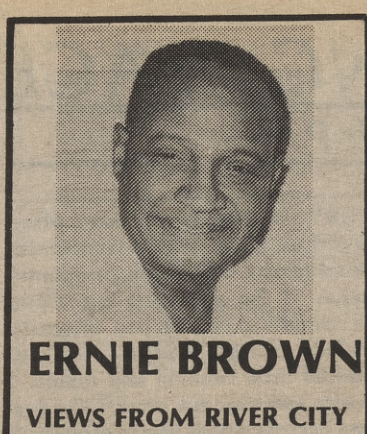
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Letter To The Editor

Dear Editor:

I would like to express my regrets that there will not be a Mr., Miss, & Ms. Reno Gay Rodeo contest this year. I've tried to get information and contract for running the contest. Many of my friends have also attempted to acquire information about Rodeo. While in Reno June 8-9, 1985, I saw no advertisement for the Rodeo. I could not locate Phil Ragsdale. Therefore, I have had to cancel scheduled events with establishments in town.

I wish to inform Sacramento two things. First, Ernie Brown and myself will be hosting a combination Digette Thanks You and Mother Jeffrey Award Party at The Mercantile Saloon, Sunday July 21, 1985. Noon until??? Second, watch out for Mr., Miss & Ms. Sacramento Cowboy/Cowgirl Contest in September. The weather should be cooler and more conducive of the western attire.

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Reviewed by Joliff Weston

If you're in the market for some light, fun, lolling-around-the-pool summer reading, these two slim volumes may be just what you've been looking for, especially if you're not in the mood for raunch. Both of these books have more or less gay settings; both of them are wholesome and plain vanilla. (Well, maybe Mr. Steward's book has a bit less vanilla in its recipe than does Mr. Rofe's, but then one must try not to overdo things!) They both will probably leave a good taste in your mouth.

A Gertrude Stein-Alice B. Toklas Mystery



by Samuel M. Steward
author of the Phil Andros stories

Murder Is Murder Is Murder is, of all things, a Gertrude Stein-Alice B. Toklas mystery. The plot synopsis printed on the back cover tells it all:

Ain, France; 1937: Gertrude Stein and Alice B. Toklas have escaped from Paris to their chateau in the French countryside. There, in the company of their dogs Basket and Pepe, and of their Adonis-like gardener Petit Pierre, they can enjoy the crisp air and relaxed lifestyle of their favorite corner of France.

But then Petit Pierre's father mysteriously disappears. Alice and Gertrude, along with assorted hangers-on, are drawn unexpectedly into the search to find him.

Actually this isn't much of a mystery. I suspect that it won't take the average reader very long to figure things out, probably about two-thirds of the way through. And I expect that the author intended it that way.

What this book is, however, is a spoof about Gertrude & Alice and the French language. Do people still read Gertrude Stein? To those readers who don't, I question whether a lot of the Stein-like humor here will be obvious; maybe merely confusing. Do people still study French? I'm told they do (and goodness knows, I've been subjected—both voluntarily and involuntarily—to more than my share of it), so maybe the many take-offs on the French language will create a chuckle here and there.

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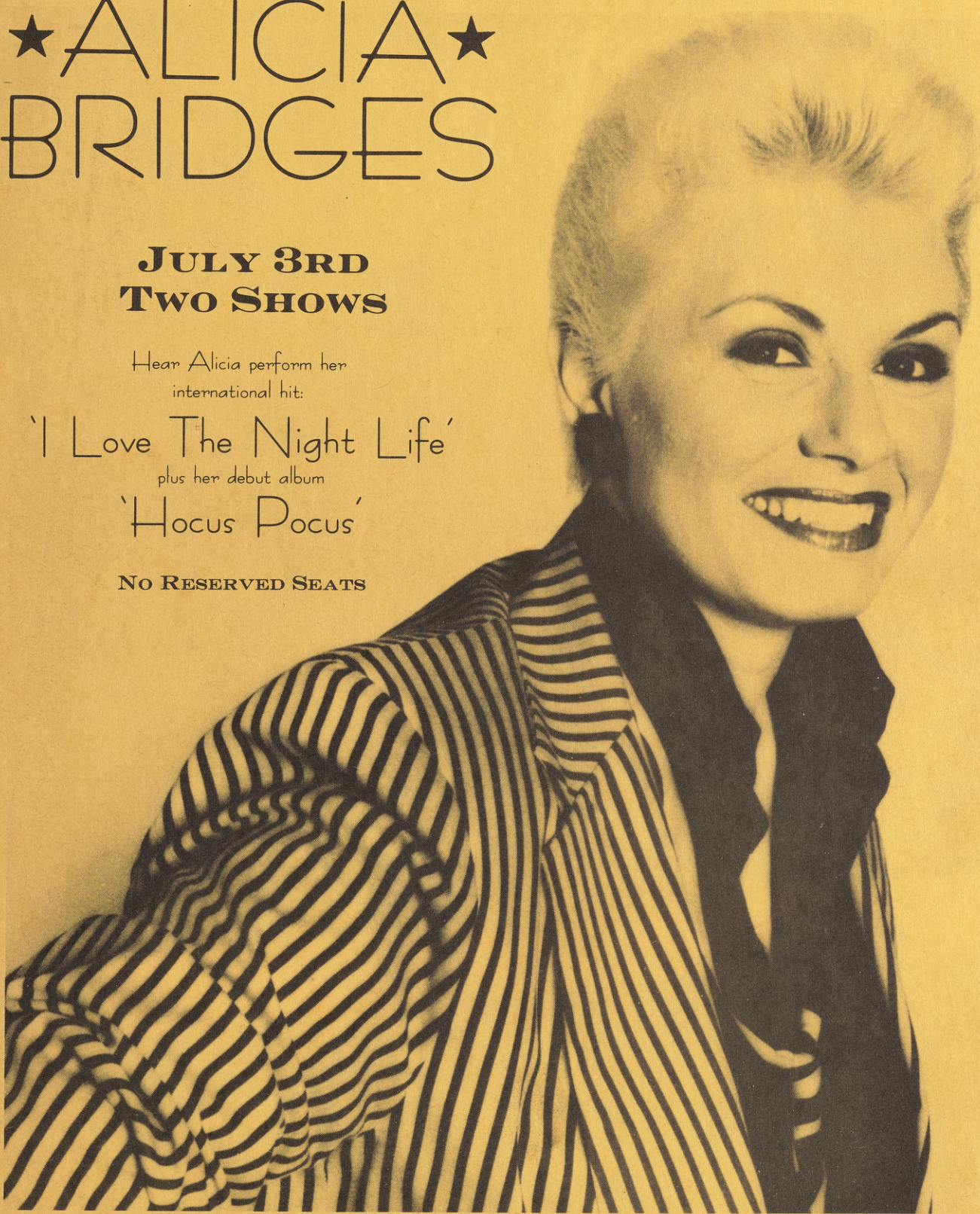
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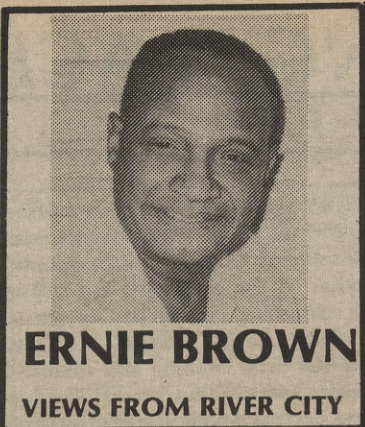
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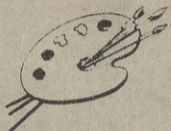
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FANTASY CAPSULE

by Mark M. Forston

"Forbidden Fruit"

It is the year 2050. The work week has shrunk to three days. There is world-wide prosperity. Life is easy, but something important seems to be missing.

The 80s and 90s were disastrous decades for the human race: wars, massive outbreaks of sexual diseases threatening whole populations, many people dying. The governing bodies found it fit to institute radical laws; they banned love, the right to have sexual relations with another human being. Birth was controlled by artificial means. Cloning of sub-human duplicates became the only means of reproduction, thereby insuring no future sexual diseases.

For Larsen Walker, it was a perfect world because he had been born into a trouble-free society. Scientists still could not control the sexual orientation of a human being, so naturally there were homosexuals as well as all other sexual orientations.

Larsen spent his time off in pleasurable pursuits; that is, having fun with his duplicate. However, something new had come over him lately.

He was bored with the usual models; he wanted something different. He discovered that with monetary persuasion, the company that made the duplicates could make you a special order, anything that was in their secret computer banks.

Larsen had been poking around in an antique shop where he bought some old video tapes. Watching them on his three-dimensional viewer, he discovered a new and exciting feeling. A sensation he had never felt before swept over him. What caused this fever in the blood? Was it the wonderful man he saw there, in uniform, handsome and rugged. He was a policeman, an enforcer of the law. This was Larsen's fantasy; he wanted that policeman.

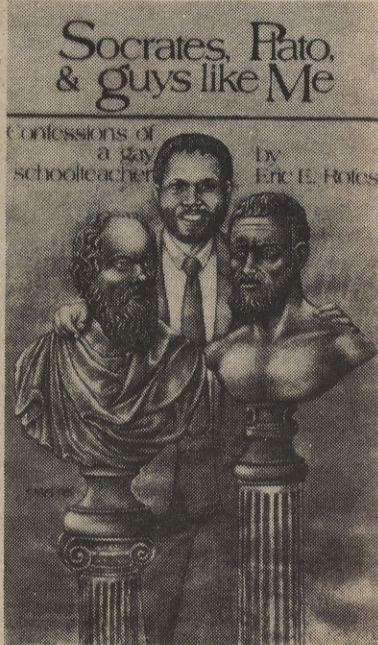
Larsen called the duplicate company. The voice at the other end hummed pleasantly. "Yes, sir, for an additional \$2 million you can have just about anything." Larsen hurried like a March hare to get the tape to the company. It would take about a week they said.

One week later, the company official brought the duplicate to Larsen's apartment, high up on the one hundred and fiftieth floor, high above the Los Angeles fog. A flashing light indicated the duplicate was at his door. His hand shook nervously, the drink in his hand nearly spilling. He could hardly contain the excitement. He opened the door. Like the warmth of fine brandy going down, a fire raced through his body. "Great God, the man is truly beautiful," he thought. The official gave the duplicate last-minute orders. "I'll be back in three months to collect him; you know the rules!" Yes, Larsen knew the rules all too well. Duplicates only had three-month lifespans; government rules.

Larsen wasted no time; he took his prize by the hand and led him quickly to the bedroom, removing the antiquated, blue police uniform. He stood for a moment in the pale light and studied the perfect body, then folded his dream in his arms and fell into Paradise.

Three months later, the disposal officer came for the duplicate. He tried repeatedly to contact Larsen, but there was no response. The door was opened by the manager. There in the bedroom they found them, both terminated. "I can't understand why he did this," said the manager. "It happens from time to time. They go crazy. It's called love, something they used to do back before the wars," said the official.

Larsen looked like he was just asleep, a slight smile still on his slightly curled up mouth, the look of peacefulness. He had found the emotion they used to call love, and he would not live in a world that had outlawed it.



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Listening To Lavender!

by Lavender Cantello

Dear Lavender,

The man whom I'm dating has a habit which I think is strange and at times a little upsetting.

We often eat out because neither of us is much of a cook. Usually sometime during the meal the waiter will approach and ask: "Is everything all right?" Neither of us sees anything wrong with that query because we invariably eat in high-class joints where waiters are expected to show some concern.

What does irk my friend is if the waiter directs that question to him when his (my friend's) mouth is full. When that happens, my friend maintains that the waiter's service is poor and he deducts ten percent from the tip.

Don't you think that my friend is over-reacting?

Lucio
(Glens Falls)

Dear Lucio,

Sorry to disappoint you, Hon, but I'm in full agreement with your friend. To me there's nothing more off-putting than for someone to expect me to talk, or even to shake my head, when I'm chewing on something. Any waiter worth his salt would always be super careful never to put a patron in such an awkward situation.

What's more, I think your friend is being very generous when he deducts only ten percent from the tip. I'd deduct at least fifteen percent.

Dear Ms. Cantello,

My lover, Pepper, and I often have a problem in restaurants.

Pepper is a butch and I am a fluff. Pepper is a househusband, while I slave away all day in an office in order to bring home the bacon.

When we eat out, the waiter invariably hands our bill to Pepper. This makes me mad because I'm the one who both generates the cash flow and who divvies up the tariff, whenever. How can I break the waiters in this town of this annoying habit?

Philine
(Ridgewood)

Dear Philine,

You have every right to be annoyed and here's hoping you've got enough chutzpah to start doing something about it.

My suggestion is to buy yourself a lorgnette. Practice using it in front of a mirror. You'll discover that it will give you a lot of confidence.

Once you get the feel of your lorgnette, start using it when you dine out. When a waiter comes to take your order, glare at him fixedly, from tip to toe and at some length, through your lorgnette. Then, after what probably will seem like an eternity to the waiter, the first thing you should say is to inform him

frostily (all the while continuing to glare through your lorgnette) that the evening's bill is to be presented to you and only to you and does he have any question about that. Then, and only then, should you accept the menu he proffers.

By relying upon your lorgnette each and every time you speak to a waiter, you will learn to be emphatic, to leave nothing to chance, to use no uncertain terms, and to get your message across.

If your waiter then forgets and presents your bill to Pepper, frown at him ferociously and lengthily through your lorgnette as you remind him, witheringly, about your earlier request. Word will soon spread around Ridgewood that you are not one to be trifled with.

Philine, do teach the jerks a lesson; hammer them into shape, thereby creating a better world for us all. Lorgnettes, when skillfully used, are wonderful instruments for putting uppity waiters in their places, a fact that was well known to our foremothers.

Dear Ms. Cantello,

I am very fond of rhinestones and I've collected them for years. My collection is stupendous. And I collect only authentic rhinestones; not for me are the cheap imitations that one sees everywhere these days!

Dani, my lover, gets all pushed out of shape when I wear my rhinestones. He carries on saying that it is not appropriate for a high-school athletic coach to wear rhinestones on the job. And I say that his attitude needs alteration.

Lavender, I never wear more than two or three rhinestones at a time. Like maybe a ring and a hat decoration and a tie pin, each, of course, of a different color. And I resent Dani's carryings-on; they tend to make me edgy.

Could you give me some advice about how to calm Dani down?

Ottoson
(Ensenada)

Dear Ottoson,

Obviously the best way to calm Dani down would be to stop wearing your rhinestones. But since I don't see you doing that, why don't you try wearing only your rhinestone-encrusted cock ring during the day. (I'm sure you must have one; if not, get one.) I'd suggest that you not display your cock ring too often during the day; but merely knowing that it's there should give you comfort and an uplifting feeling.

Then at night, wear several rhinestones, but never more than four, or at the most five. I think that six rhinestones would definitely be too many to wear at any one time.

If Dani continues to carry on, learn to ignore him; simply tune him out.

And Ottoson, I want you to know that I simply adore rhinestones, especially authentic ones from the Rhineland. It's certainly nice to hear from someone who knows a real rhinestone from a fake.

Dear Lavender Cantello,

My lover, Hersey, is certainly an OK sort. But I'd like to get him involved in one of my great passions, and he doesn't seem to be at all interested.

Lavender, I am a frankophile. I adore the French language and customs. I take French lessons every year and I belong to three different French clubs—one devoted to the study of grammar and conversation, another devoted to viewing and discussing French movies (in French, of course), and the third devoted to learning to cook French recipes.

It seems like Hersey and I really don't have much in common except sex, and for my taste that's really not enough. I cannot help but believe that if he'd give in and get involved with French things with me that he'd end up having a lot of fun, and we'd end up having more togetherness. But he's stubborn and keeps insisting that his interests don't lie in that direction. And what's more, he maintains that French food gives him indigestion; which is silly because French food never hurt anybody.

How would you handle Hersey?

Lige
(Brookline)

Dear Lige,

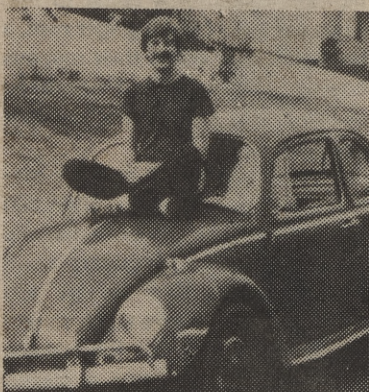
How would I handle Hersey? First of all, I'd get off his case and consider things from his point of view.

He's probably telling the whole truth when he says that French food gives him indigestion. It gives me indigestion, too. And I expect that he and I are not alone.

Lige, the French language, the French people, and French culture are not for everybody. Some very intelligent people find the French language to be absolutely impossible and a waste of time, the French people to be puffed up and unwashed, and French culture to be highly overrated. I expect that Hersey is one of those people.

Since you obviously feel isolated from Hersey, try (it won't be easy) to find some activity of interest to both of you, perhaps something neither of you ever thought of before; the possibilities are endless. If the task seems impossible and you still feel that you cannot go on in the way you've been doing, seek counseling from a professional. Good luck!

GETTIN THERE



by TOM DOLAN

Brief Encounters

During a recent power outage, I had the rare privilege of interviewing Bishop O'Fey of the local diocese in the stalled elevator of a downtown office building. We sat hunkered down in opposite corners of the small dark space for nearly half an hour. What follows is the meat of our discussion.

"Your Grace," I began somewhat timidly, "as long as we're stuck in this gosh-durned elevator, I'd like to take advantage of this heavenly opportunity and ask you a few questions."

"Certainly, my son," the Bishop intoned with an otherworldly air. "Gosh knows how long we'll be squatting here in the dark. I see no reason we can't exchange pleasantries. We clergy are human, too, you know, heh, heh, heh!"

I chuckled at his "joke" and proceeded to ask if there were moments he regretted his vocation. "I could take the poverty," I said, "but not the chastity. It must be lonely sometimes."

"It's not as lonely as you may have been given to believe," said the Bishop, warming to the subject.

by Valentine

SHAKESPEARE and SOUTHAMPTON

WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE one time horse handler and small time actor for Sirange's Theater Company has of late turned his hand to PLAYWRITING with private showings of some short pieces at social weekends at noble households.

It is at one of these that it is said our Will first met the Right Honourable Henry Wriothesley, Earl of Southampton — then but 20. For him he wrote "VENUS and ADONIS" the story of a beautiful youth who dares to spurn the Goddess of Beauty herself.

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SOUTHAMPTON had recently had his manhood painfully put into question by his resistance to an arranged marriage and found this piece suitably amusing. Pleased and Grateful, the young Earl extended his patronage to Shakespeare even to giving leave for Will to move into his household.

Shakespeare's feelings for this dashing youth are recorded in many of his SONNETS and through the troubled times to come they were to color all his works.

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A GAY PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL

A public school for gay high-school students began operating recently in Manhattan. It is named the Harvey Milk School after the gay supervisor who was shot to death in San Francisco in 1978. The school is the first public one in the United States which is geared to the problems of homosexual adolescents of both sexes.

The New York City Board of Education operates the school in cooperation with the Institute for the Protection of Lesbian and Gay Youth. The Institute is a homosexual advisory and counseling group partially funded by both the City and the State of New York.

There are presently 20 students enrolled in the school, 14 boys and 6 girls who range in age from 14 to 19. The students have difficulty in functioning in conventional high school settings because of their sexual orientations.

Authorities say that the students are serious about obtaining an education and would be targets of abuse in regular schools. The school has a waiting list of students who want to enter in the fall.

ORGANIZERS OF GAY GAMES APPEAL RULING

The organizers of Gay Games have asked a federal appeals court to order hearings on whether the U.S. Olympic Committee can deny them the use of the name, "Gay Olympics."

The first gay athletic competition was organized under the name Gay Olympics in 1982. The USOC objected, and a federal judge ordered the local organizers not to use the word "Olympics" in their events. Another judge later ordered the organizers to pay \$97,000 in attorneys' fees to the USOC.

Attorney Mary Dunlap told a three-judge appeals panel that San

Francisco Arts and Athletics Inc. has a First Amendment right to use the word "Olympics" like those who organized the Special Olympics, Senior Olympics, and Nude Olympics.

Dunlap said the USOC, which was granted powers by Congress in 1978 to control the Olympic Games organization, has discriminated against gays. "My clients' use of the word 'Olympics' was not for its commercial value," she said, adding that the gay organizers even offered to attach a disclaimer to any T-shirt or other item sold at the event.

Vaughn Walker, an attorney representing the USOC, charged that the Gay Olympics organizers had intended to turn a profit from the games by exploiting their commercial value. He said, "The defendants' use of the word 'Olympics' had a tendency to confuse. There is no question that the defendants used the word the same way the USOC did to promote the games and sell goods."

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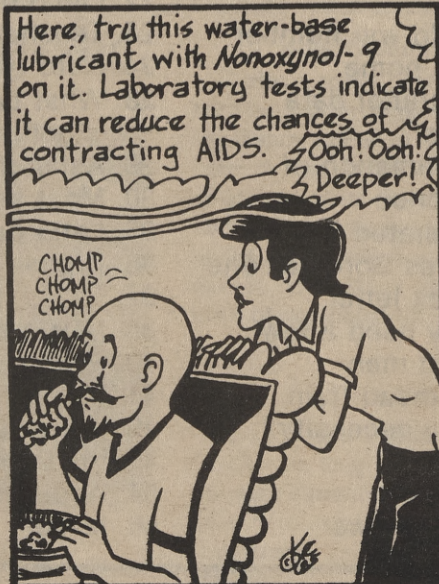
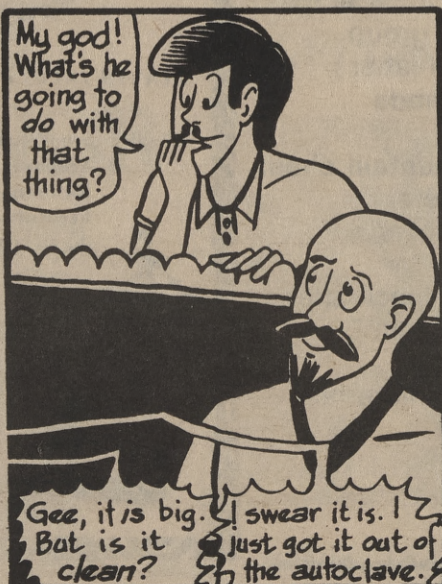


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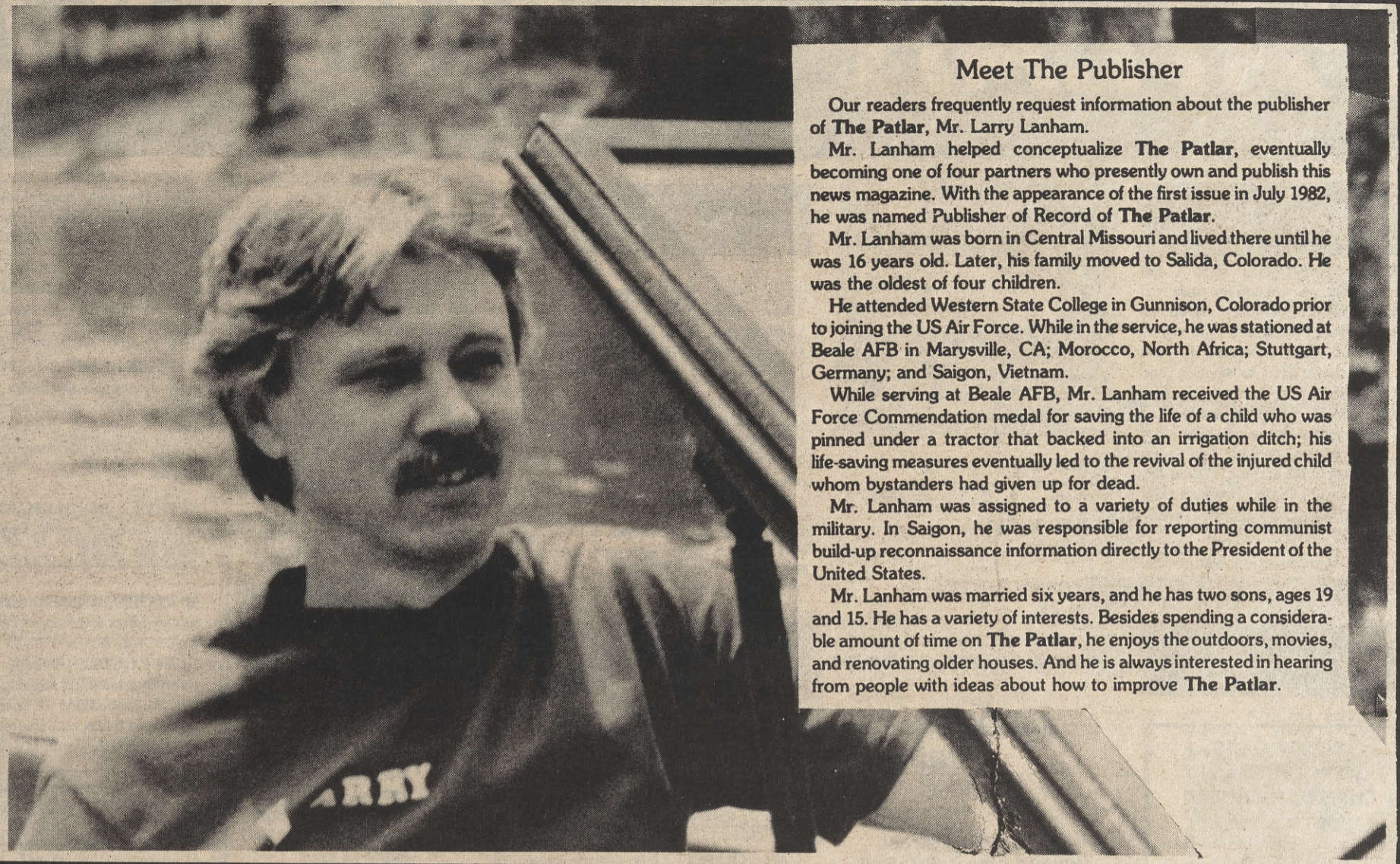


By Bob Sinclair

MURPHY'S MANOR



by Kurt Erichsen



Meet The Publisher

Our readers frequently request information about the publisher of **The Patlar**, Mr. Larry Lanham.

Mr. Lanham helped conceptualize **The Patlar**, eventually becoming one of four partners who presently own and publish this news magazine. With the appearance of the first issue in July 1982, he was named Publisher of Record of **The Patlar**.

Mr. Lanham was born in Central Missouri and lived there until he was 16 years old. Later, his family moved to Salida, Colorado. He was the oldest of four children.

He attended Western State College in Gunnison, Colorado prior to joining the US Air Force. While in the service, he was stationed at Beale AFB in Marysville, CA; Morocco, North Africa; Stuttgart, Germany; and Saigon, Vietnam.

While serving at Beale AFB, Mr. Lanham received the US Air Force Commendation medal for saving the life of a child who was pinned under a tractor that backed into an irrigation ditch; his life-saving measures eventually led to the revival of the injured child whom bystanders had given up for dead.

Mr. Lanham was assigned to a variety of duties while in the military. In Saigon, he was responsible for reporting communist build-up reconnaissance information directly to the President of the United States.

Mr. Lanham was married six years, and he has two sons, ages 19 and 15. He has a variety of interests. Besides spending a considerable amount of time on **The Patlar**, he enjoys the outdoors, movies, and renovating older houses. And he is always interested in hearing from people with ideas about how to improve **The Patlar**.

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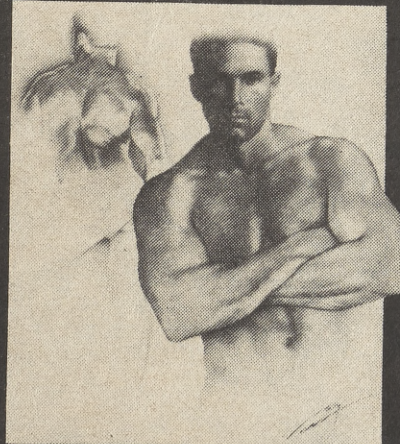
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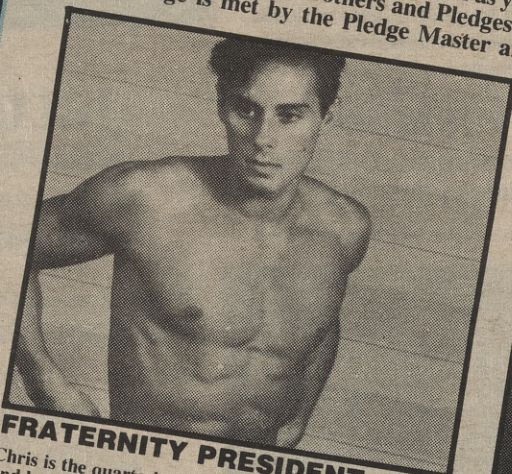
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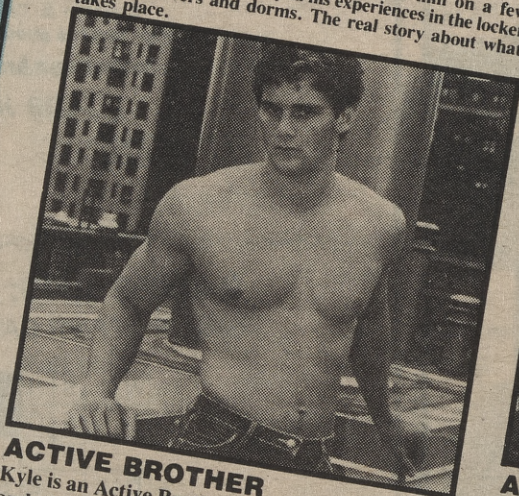
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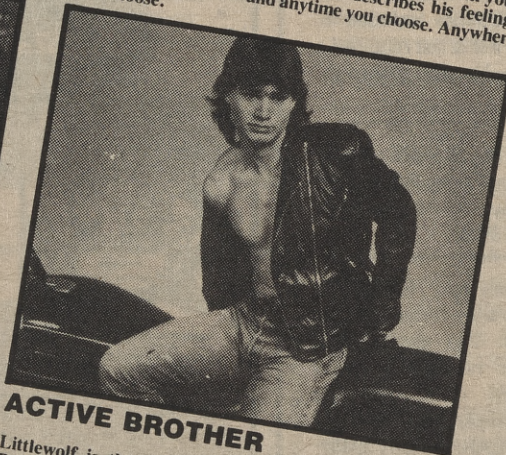
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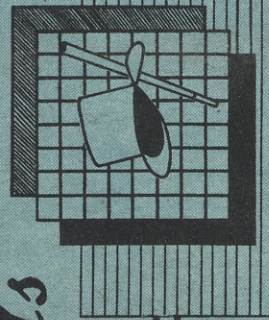
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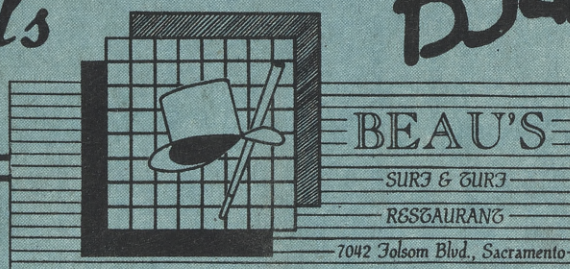
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